

MINUTES
GREENCASTLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
December 1, 2014
7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Eberly, Council President Charles Eckstine, Council Members Wade Burkholder, Larry Faight, James Farley, Matthew Smith, Frank Webster. Absent was Craig Myers. Also present were Borough Manager Susan Armstrong and Borough Secretary Ericka Faight.

Mayor Eberly gave the invocation.

Public Comment

CONSENT AGENDA

On a Webster/Faight motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

Minutes of previous meetings

*Borough Council Meeting of November 3, 2014.
Borough Council Budget Hearing of November 12, 2014.*

REGULAR AGENDA

Report of Disbursement and Payment of Bills

On a Webster/Smith motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the November 2014 Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 71,197.04.

President's Report

President Eckstine invited everyone to attend the annual employee luncheon at Borough Hall on December 16, 2014.

Mayor's Report

Police Chief Phillippy informed Council that with assistance from State Representative Todd Rock a joint grant application between the Greencastle-Antrim School District and Greencastle Police Department has been approved and a more in depth presentation will be given at a Public Safety Committee Meeting as soon as the details become available.

Reports from Committees

A. Administration & Finance

1. On a Burkholder/Webster motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the Proposed 2015 Budget as presented at the Borough Council Budget Hearing on November 12, 2014.

2. On a Webster/Burkholder motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance, which maintains the current 2014 tax rate of 13.0 mills, or the sum of 130 cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for all property within the said Municipality, for Fiscal Year 2015.
3. On a Webster/Smith motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the 2015 Schedule of Meetings for advertisement.

B. Personnel

1. On a Burkholder/Smith motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the 2015 Personnel Complement.
2. On a Webster/Faight motion, Council voted unanimously to approve the Disability Leave of Absence Policy between Benecon and the Borough of Greencastle.
3. On a Webster/Burkholder motion, Council voted unanimously to review and accept the Act 44 Annual Disclosure Forms submitted by Principal Financial Advisors to determine if there are any conflicts of interest in managing the pension funds.
4. On a Webster/Burkholder motion, Council voted unanimously to appoint Ronald E. Powers, 504 North Allison Street, Greencastle, PA to a partial term on the Shade Tree Commission. Term shall be effective immediately and shall expire December 31, 2017. Mr. Powers shall fill the unexpired term of Wayne A. Warren who resigned in July 2014.
5. On a Webster/Burkholder motion, (Council Member Faight abstained to avoid any conflict of interest), Council voted to approve a Christmas Bonus of \$50.00 for part-time employees and \$100.00 for full time employees.

Reports from Council Members

President Eckstine announced that Council held an executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss potential litigation and personnel issues.

Mayor Eberly discussed the need to take close look at re-appointments next year, there are some who want change; however, change can happen in a positive way.

Council Member Webster thanked staff and police for running a good tight ship; he is proud and thankful to have employees that can be depended on.

Council Member Faight noted that it has been an interesting year and a learning experience, he stated that staff is phenomenal, and thanked Chief Phillippy for doing a great job. Mr. Faight wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Council Member Burkholder thanked Manager Armstrong for taking time to listen to his concerns. He suggested reaching out to the community in the newsletter requesting people

to volunteer their time and talents to help beautify the Borough. Mayor Eberly suggested at least looking into having the utility lines buried in and around the square noting that now is the time to look ahead. Mayor Eberly also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Manager Armstrong noted that as she enters her third year with the Borough she appreciates Council's feedback as it helps her to grow as Borough Manager and she values their support over the last two years. Ms. Armstrong also stated that the Borough is on the mark with a great staff, and a good group of individuals that can be counted on.

President Eckstine thanked staff for decorating the office and wished everyone a great holiday season.

Council adjourned at 7:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ericka Faight
Borough Secretary